

IN THE SPECIFICATION: Please amend the specification as follows (shown in the clean version)

Page 3, lines 13 - 14:

Figure 2 is a perspective, cut-out view of the catalytic converter of Figure 1 (without the end cone assemblies);

Pages 13 - 14, lines 19 - 6:

Production of the catalytic converter comprises forming the subassembly and disposing the subassembly in the shell. Typically, the mat support material/catalyst substrate subassembly can be inserted into shell 72 or 78 using a variety of methods. The methods are chosen based upon the type of shell, i.e. clamshell, tubular, spinform, and others, that is being utilized. The subassembly can be placed in a stuffing cone, for example. The stuffing cone is a device that compresses mat support material 70 concentrically about catalyst substrate 10, 30, or 50 using a ramming component. The ram stuffs the compressed subassembly into shell 72 or 78. In the alternative, the subassembly can also be concentrically disposed within shell 72 or 78 by several canning methods, such as, for example, the sized-to-dimension method, stuffed method, tourniquet wrap method, clamshell style method, and the like. Furthermore, each opening of shell 72 in any embodiment, can be fitted with an end cone, end plate, mat protection ring, exhaust manifold, or the like, as well as a combination including at least one of the foregoing, as is appropriate with the design and use.

#### REMARKS

The specification has been amended; page 3 to clarify the type of view shown in the figure; page 13 to remove confusion that could be caused by the statement "as described above". Proposed amendments to the drawings are shown in red. Figures 10, 11, 13 - 22, and 27 are being amended to properly show the views as "cross-sectional views". In a cross-sectional view the lines that are being removed would not be visible. No new matter has been added.